

## Wilcut, Lars

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**From:** Wilcut, Lars  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:48 PM  
**To:** Rider, Trish  
**Subject:** FW: Questions on the Ammonia Meeting from our Colleagues  
**Attachments:** Ammonia Participants List.docx; AMMONIA STAKEHOLDERS MEETING\_Agenda\_10-10-14.docx; logistics.docx

These should help.

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**From:** Chris Hornback [mailto:CHornback@NACWA.ORG]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:46 PM  
**To:** Wilcut, Lars  
**Subject:** RE: Questions on the Ammonia Meeting from our Colleagues

Thanks Lars. We're definitely not trying to ambush folks or put anyone on the spot. I'm sure there will be some tough discussions, but we plan to set the tone at the start that this is not to be a confrontational discussion.

Revised agenda (including an outline of discussion topics) and a participants list (with track changes and no formatting yet...in other words, a work in progress) are attached.

Below is an excerpt from one of the invite emails GLEC has sent out.

Hope this helps.

-Chris

### INVITE EXCERPT -

I am currently working under sub-contract to a group of sponsors (NACWA, WEF and WERF) who are sponsoring an Ammonia Criteria Implementation Stakeholder's Meeting scheduled to be held in Washington, DC at the end of October (October 29-30, 2014). The sponsors would like to invite you to come and participate in the meeting because of your knowledge and expertise regarding methods for conducting surveys for freshwater mussels. As you know, one of the key considerations for states and tribes when adopting and implementing EPA's new aquatic life criteria for ammonia in their water quality standards programs has to do with the presence or probability of absence of freshwater mussels in receiving streams, and the myriad issues that surround the latter determination. I have been given permission by the sponsors (one of them being Chris Hornback of NACWA, cc'd this email) to share the draft meeting agenda and a few additional informational items for you to consider. Representatives from several states will be attending, as well as several of the other key stakeholders. US EPA will be providing the meeting space and also attending the meeting.

Our first concern, due to the timing of this first communication with you, is with regards to your interest and availability to attend the meeting. Our second is that we cannot readily offer you any compensation to attend because our resources are extremely limited. Your contribution to the discussion would be extremely valuable and hopefully you would find it worthwhile to attend because of the national importance of the issue. We hope your own personnel and employers professional interest in the subject matter, your availability on those particular days, and your relative proximity to the meeting location all combine to allow you to participate in the meeting.

Please review the attached draft meeting Agenda and material and feel free to email or call me at your earliest convenience.

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**From:** Wilcut, Lars [<mailto:Wilcut.Lars@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 1:35 PM  
**To:** Chris Hornback  
**Subject:** Questions on the Ammonia Meeting from our Colleagues

Chris,

While I investigate the phone situation, I wanted to pass along some sentiments from colleagues here in EPA. I think there's a general nervousness about EPA folks being put on the spot at the workshop, so the more information you can provide (and the sooner you can provide it), the quicker we can allay people's fears here. A more detailed agenda and guest list when you have those available would go a long way to helping people. Also, would you be able to send to me any of the blurbs you may have sent out about the meeting? Anything that summarizes the purpose, context, etc., would be helpful.

I think everything's fine, it's just that some folks here need a little more handholding than others.

Thanks!

Lars